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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicant : Culbert et al.

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For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

SPINAL FIXATION

Examiner Anuradha Ramana

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Dear Sir

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being made as follows:

- 1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:
 - (X) Enclosed:
 - (X) Amendment/Reply in 17 pages,

2. Fees:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION			
FEE TYPE	FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee	2801 (\$405)		\$405
1 Month Extension	2251 (\$65)		\$ 65
		TOTAL FEE DUE	\$470

(X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.

3. Payment:

The amount of \$470 will be paid via EFS Web. (X)

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted, KNOBBE MARTENS OLSON & BEAR LLP

Dated: November 17, 2009 /Nathan S. Smith/

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